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ECONOMIC SERVICES DIVISION

ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS BRANCH

MISSION

The Economic Organizations and Programs Branch is responsible for collecting, analyzing and reporting on the economic plans and accomplishments of foreign governments, and of intergovernmental agencies, and on the organizations responsible for such plans and programs, both in the Soviet and non-Soviet world, to the extent that such organizations and plans may affect the interests of the United States. For these purposes, it is necessary that basic data be assembled, that studies prepared by other U. S. agencies be reviewed and coordinated, and that requirements be issued to collection agencies for any additional data needed for the proper preparation of the studies wanted in this field.

A. Specifically this responsibility shall include a knowledge of:

1. The overall objectives and goals as well as the detailed composition of such foreign government plans.
2. The degree of success or failure in attaining national goals.
3. The ministries or organizations responsible for national planning and programming.
4. The development or exploitation of colonial areas.
5. The mobilization of the national economy for purposes of defense or aggression.
6. The attempts toward equitable distribution of national resources by means of rationing or other devices.
7. The expansion of national output through planned industrialization, training and educational programs, increased productivity, or other means.

B. The Branch responsibility shall not include:

1. U. S. Government planning and programming such as the ERP, Point IV, the MDAP, etc.
2. The objectives and foreign policies of the United States.
3. The operations of the U.S. in such international organizations as FAO, UNESCO, ILO, etc.

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In the execution of the mission, the members of the Branch shall maintain close liaison with their opposite numbers in other Branches in order to avoid either duplication of effort or the occurrence of gaps in the intelligence requirements of ORR.

For the purpose of ensuring thorough coverage of the field by the IAC agencies, the Branch shall set up and maintain a committee to coordinate work on foreign economic organizations and programs, and this committee shall give such work as is of interest to more than one agency its general guidance in line with the CIA charter.

Within CIA, the Branch will advise other Branches on matters falling within the field of foreign government economic planning, and will represent the Division in conference with other Divisions on such matters. It will establish such liaison with non-IAC agencies and private organizations working in its field as may from time to time seem advisable to the Chief of the Economic Services Division.